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THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1911.

The only remedy that promises a speedy and permanent cure for the Seaboard Air Line's present troubles with Henderson is a more equal and liberal division of our friendship and patronage with the Southern Railway. A gain of something like \$100,000 in freights at this point within the next twelve months would be about all the inducement the Southern would ask to bring its shipping facilities in this city fully up to the standard of all requirements, while a loss of that amount would undoubtedly cause the Seaboard to sit up and take notice. You may resort to all the other remedies you please, but here is the only efficacious and permanent one for the Seaboard's present ailments. Mind you, we are not advocating the idea of making the Southern Railway a cat's paw in this matter. It will be to the everlasting advantage of Henderson for this to become a fixed policy for the future. The Southern Railway has probably never received the encouragement in Henderson that would have undoubtedly been to the decided advantage of the town and its manufacturing and shipping interests to give it, and the sooner we wake up to a full realization of this fact the better it will be for us.

The most quiet and uneventful Christmas in years, is about the way it passed off in Henderson. However, there was much social intermingling and real enjoyment among the people of the city, and no end of gift-giving. The poor and the needy were not forgotten, the various Sunday schools and benevolent societies carrying sunshine and gladness into many homes that otherwise might have been dark and cheerless. There was probably less drinking and public drunkenness here during the Christmas season than ever before, and very little disorder of any sort. Good will to men seemed to be the spirit that pervaded the entire community, and open handed hospitality reigned supreme in many homes. Of course there were those here, as was doubtless the case almost everywhere else, who chose to throw in a discordant note. Otherwise it came mighty near being a model Christmas in Henderson.

Congress will reassemble for the long session in a few days, and there is every indication of lively times in Washington for the next few months. Some are predicting one of the most stormy sessions in a long time. Certainly it is destined to be a most interesting and eventful one. The high tariff walls are going to be vigorously assailed by the Democrats, and as vigorously defended by the Republicans. The Democrats are in the saddle in the House, and the Republicans in the Senate. For this reason neither party will have clear sailing, and any tariff measure that passes at this session will most likely be a compromise measure between the two parties. There will be a battle royal from beginning to end for political advantage in the coming presidential campaign.

Thirty of the old Confederate Veterans have died at the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh during the present year. This is a very forcible reminder of the fact that the line of gray is constantly and rapidly growing thinner as the years go by, and that we should all try to do more and more to make their remaining days on earth as comfortable and happy as possible. Let us not be unkind of what they suffered and endured through the trying years of the sixties for the cause of our Southland. It is well indeed that our State has already provided a comfortable home for them over at Raleigh, where they may spend the remainder of their days free from toil and care, and no effort or expense that the State can possibly afford should be spared to make this home all that the old soldiers—the heroes of the sixties, if you please—could desire. There is nothing too good for the old Veterans.

It is strongly hinted that the Henderson police department and the Recorder's court will be temporarily converted into an employment bureau with the incoming of the new year to find work for the idle negroes about town. This is exactly what should be done, and every idle negro in town, who will not go to work of his own accord, should be given a job on the public roads. A splendid start has already been made in this direction, and the good work should be carried on to a finish with the opening of the new year. Idle negroes who do not want to go to the roads should seek some sort of real employment at once.

A delegation from the Chamber of Commerce was recently told by some of the "Higher Ups" of the Seaboard that what that road was soon going to do for Henderson would be so thoroughly satisfying to the people of this town that they would not even ask for the new terminal or anything else. Possibly they are going to send us another case of "soft soap" and sugar-coated promises. Anyway these two commodities, when received from the Seaboard officials, have heretofore been thoroughly satisfying to the people of this city.

Some people spend most of the time in getting ready for certain dates on the calendar. Now that Christmas is over, it will take them two or three months to get ready for Easter. Then it will be the Fourth of July or something else, followed by Thanksgiving and then Christmas again. But the folks who are really doing something in this world and stand for something in the community are the ones who take the liveliest interest in the work days on the calendar.

They are saying that the Gold Leaf has run all the blind tigers out of Henderson, but it is suspected that the known attitude of Judge Powell toward them had much to do with their seeking new pasturage. However, it is not believed that they are all gone yet. If the police will keep a sharp watch out, they may be able to locate a few more of these black sheep. Possibly some of them may be wearing a white fleece.

You may count upon it that if you will give Judge Powell a fair whack at the vagrants and blind tigers, he will not be long in finding more useful and honorable employment for them for the next few months—that of building much needed good roads in this section.

It takes a great many people from four to six weeks to get ready for Christmas, and almost that long to get over it. But they have little else to do, and so there is really no time lost after all.

Did the stock you took in Christmas really pay you?

The officials of the Seaboard Air Line claim that it would cost \$200 a day extra to locate the new terminal here instead of at Norlina. But it might so turn out that it would cost the Seaboard from \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year to ignore the claims of Henderson in this matter. There are two sides to almost every question.

Have you decided to draft an entirely new set of new year resolutions, or try to make out with a revision of your old ones?

## Christmas Tree at South Henderson.

Last Thursday evening at the closing of the South Henderson school for the holidays a number of the parents and friends of the children gathered in the school building, where an interesting and amusing program of songs, Christmas carols and recitations was well rendered and heard with great pleasure. The tree had been prettily dressed by the scholars with paper flowers, paper chains and strings of pop corn. But while the room was closed for an hour at dinner time old Santa Claus became busy and loaded it with toys, picture books and confectioneries. Just as the last present was handed to its happy little owner a large box of oranges, nuts, candy and raisins was brought in sent by Mr. J. A. Moore. As these were distributed joy and gladness beamed from every face, and old Santa himself must have been overjoyed to see such a merry, merry crowd of happy boys and girls. Mrs. S. Watkins, Mrs. T. M. Pittman and Mrs. Hill Parham very kindly and generously helped the teachers to make this an evening of rare pleasure to the children. To these ladies and to Mr. Moore they wish to express their sincere and hearty thanks.

## Hit By Fast Train.

John Johnson, a painter by trade, who lives at Ridgeway, was struck by the Seaboard Air Line passenger train, No. 81, at Manson early yesterday morning and seriously injured. He was taken to Rex Hospital at Raleigh. Johnson's injuries consist of a shoulder blade and bone fractured, his jawbone broken and several ribs broken. It is also thought that he is internally injured.

## The Natural Process.

"Swans sing before they die, don't they?"  
"So they say."  
"Well, wouldn't it be a nice arrangement if nature could only reverse the process and make some people die before they sing?"

## A Fish-Pole Hat Pin.

Little Brother—Where's my fishin' pole gone?  
Bigger Brother—Sister's usin' it for a hat pin.

You will never succeed if you spend half your time telling what you are going to do and the other half in explaining why you didn't do it.

## Program of the Vance County Union Meeting.

To be held with the Island Creek Church, December 30-31, 1911.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30.  
11:00 A. M. Sermon (Suggested text Phil. 3:13,14) Rev. J. H. Spaulding.

11:45 A. M. The Local Church in Relation to the Kingdom. Rev. J. W. Morgan.

1:30 P. M. The Proper Men in Discipline of the Present Day Church. Mr. T. M. Pittman.

2: P. M. Some of Our Blessings of the Year. Mr. W. B. Daniel.

2:30 P. M. More Compact Fields and Conversation of Energy. Mr. R. L. Bennett and General.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 31.

10:00 A. M. The Sunday school Lesson.

10:45 A. M. Address to Sunday school. Mr. A. T. Barnes.

11:00 A. M. The Social Teachings of Jesus. Rev. J. W. Morgan.

12 Noon Christian Culture as Cause and Effect in Christian Growth. Mrs. J. W. Morgan.

12:30 P. M. Adjournment.

1:30 P. M. Summary of Work in Our Seven Foreign Mission Fields. Prof. J. T. Alderman.

2:00 P. M. Baptist Progress in Our State and County.

1. A Retrospect. Mr. T. M. Pittman.

2. The Prospect. Mr. A. T. Barnes.

3:00 P. M. Business.

## A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

We wish to sincerely thank our friends and patrons for their support and good will during the past year. Assuring one and all of our willingness and desire to please them and hoping for their continued patronage through the coming year, :-: :-:

YOURS TO PLEASE,

SAMUEL WATKINS.

HENDERSON, N. C.

## NOTICE.

I have this day qualified as administratrix on the estate of Luther H. Mabry, deceased, before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Vance county, and this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of October, 1912, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery thereof. Persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate settlement.

This, the 30th day of October, 1911.  
MRS. SUE B. MABRY,  
Adm. Estate of Luther H. Mabry, dec'd.  
A. C. ZOLLIFFER Attorney.

## Notice.

I have this day qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Silas Powell deceased, late of Henderson, N. C., and I hereby give notice to all persons having claims against his estate to produce them to me forthwith. If not presented within twelve months this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.  
Henderson, N. C., Dec. 13th, 1911.  
OLIVER H. POWELL,  
Exe. of the will of Silas Powell.

## RENT INSURANCE

HAVE you ever considered insuring the rental value of your real estate? Time is money and RENT INSURANCE covers the time your building must stand, or lie, non-productive during repairs or rebuilding after a fire. Trustees, guardians, realty corporations carrying a bonded indebtedness, individuals dependent upon the income from real estate, and many others should have RENT INSURANCE brought particularly to their notice. But every owner of property who considers his building at all worthy of careful insurance, will, consistently consider its rental income equally worthy of insurance. The owner who occupies his own building can insure the rental value of the portion he occupies himself as well as rents paid by tenants.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO INVESTIGATE.

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HENDERSON LOAN & REAL ESTATE COMPANY.  
PHONE 139.

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This holiday season gives us an opportunity to extend Christmas greetings and to express appreciation for the business you have entrusted to us during the past year. With best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.  
GEORGE A. ROSE COMPANY  
Henderson, N. C.